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SVOBODA PRINTS INSTRUCTIONS ON BOMB-MAKING

On February 1 and 3 Svoboda, official publication of the Ukrainian National Association, published two extraordinary articles. The articles, each of which occupied half a page in the newspaper, were entitled "Explosive Substances"; both were devoted to giving, in popular form, minute instructions on how to make bombs and other explosives. The essays were written and signed by one Dmytro Horbach, a chemist who is reported to have helped Nazi agents in Poland to make bombs for the blowing up of bridges and other military objectives during the German invasion of that country.

The Hour has already carried several exposés on Svoboda and its intimate connections with the ODWU, fascist Organization for the Rebirth of the Ukraine. The ODWU, as we have pointed out, is closely associated with the Ukrainian Provid, an apparatus in Berlin controlled by the Intelligence Department of the German War Office.

Myshuha's Mysterious Role

On July 27, 1940, The Hour revealed that Luke Myshuha, editor of Svoboda, visited Berlin and Vienna in 1939 and spoke over Nazi-controlled radio networks. We are now informed that Senyk-Grybiwsky, key liaison man for the Provid, during his frequent visits to the United States has used as his official address Myshuha's office at the Svoboda. It is of considerable interest that Senyk-Grybiwsky has won for himself wide renown as an expert bomber.

Two months ago, consequent to The Hour exposés, the Svoboda was barred from Canada. However, on the intervention of Tracy Phillips, a British appeaser working in collaboration with Myshuha (see The Hour for December 21, 1940), Svoboda has been readmitted to the Dominion.

The Hour would like to ask the editors of Svoboda this question: Are the instructions on bomb-making printed for the benefit of Svoboda readers in Canada or in the United States? Or for the benefit of both?

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## BUND CONCERT

Last week *The Hour* revealed the plans of the German-American Bund for underground operation. In describing a secret meeting of Bund leaders on January 23, we stated, "Gustave Elmer, National Organizer, ... described in detail the current strategy of the Bund, pointing out the need for occasionally masquerading as a choral society in order to obtain meeting halls ..."

Our report of contemplated Bund strategy was soon to be confirmed. On the evening of February 1, the German-American Bund arranged a mass meeting in the Grand View Auditorium, Jersey City. The Bund was not mentioned in any of the advance publicity for this affair. The meeting was held under the auspices of the "German-American Choral Society." The Bund actually provided the audience with a concert.

Some 2500 people attended. The only speech was a brief address by Gustave Elmer. He praised "the courage" of the people who had come to the meeting and, rather carelessly, remarked that the large turnout indicated the Bund was still very much alive. He said the proceeds of the concert would go to the relief of German war prisoners held in Canada; to fighting the recent conviction in New Jersey of Bund leaders on charges of inciting race hatred; and to bailing out of jail various key Bundites.

After the meeting was over, Bund leaders met and expressed their satisfaction with the whole affair. Elmer said that at every Bund rally in the future, there will be music and singing to divert "suspicion, undesirable publicity and the attention of professional snoopers."

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## MAERZ PUBLICATION

Homer H. Maerz, Chicago Nazi who in December, 1939, was found guilty of malicious mischief and sentenced from one to ten years in the penitentiary (see *The Hour* for January 6, 1940), is again active in mid-west fascist circles. He has recently started publishing in Chicago a violently anti-Semitic, pro-Nazi bulletin, *Dispatch*, which he is distributing every two weeks through his many Fifth Column contacts in the United States. For example, in San Francisco the Steuben Society is assisting the Californian dissemination of Maerz's Hitlerite propaganda sheet.

The first issue of the bulletin is prefaced with an editorial note, which opens with these words:

"Dear Patriot: This is the first issue of a service devoted to the dissemination of accurate news material which deals with the dangerous and subversive activities of international Jewry and such other forces as are at work undermining our Christian civilization."

## Maerz's Nazi Record

During Maerz's trial in 1939 for smashing windows and painting swastikas at Jewish-owned department stores in Chicago, the defendant



admitted his membership in the Silver Shirt League of America as well as in the fascist Dearborn Crusaders. His ties with the Bund and his allegiance to Father Coughlin had previously been exposed by The Hour on October 28, November 4 and 25, and December 23, 1939. In our articles on Maerz we pointed out that the twenty-five year old Nazi had ambitions of becoming the American Fuehrer. It would appear from his recent activities that, in spite of his unfortunate experience with the law in Chicago, his aspirations ~~remain~~ **remain** unaltered.

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#### CHRISTIAN FRONT RALLY

On Sunday, February 2, the Parents Defense Fund Committee held a mass rally in the Knights of Columbus Building in Brooklyn, New York. It was this Committee, made up of ardent Coughlinites, that undertook to finance the defense of the seventeen Christian Fronters arrested in January, 1940, on the charges of plotting against the government of the United States. One of the accused, Claus Gunther Ernecke, committed suicide. Eleven were acquitted by a jury, the chairman of which was the niece of Father Coughlin's eastern representative. Charges against the remaining five were later dropped by the Government.

The purpose of the Brooklyn rally was to raise funds to meet the current indebtedness of the Parents Committee. Among the Christian Front mentors who addressed the gathering were Reverend Edward Lodge Curran, warm admirer of Coughlin; Leo Healy, Christian Front lawyer; and Bernard T. D'Arcy, Social Justice business agent in New York. The outcome of the trial and the recent exoneration of Captain Prout by a court-martial proceedings were hailed by all the speakers as a great victory for the Christian Front and for similar groups operating in the United States. The speakers echoed Father Coughlin's statement that the final verdict represented a "go-ahead signal" for Front forces in this country (see The Hour for December 21, 1940).

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#### PELLEY'S NEW PUBLICATIONS

William Dudley Pelley, goateed fuehrer of the Silver Shirts, has discontinued the fascist Liberation magazine. In its place, he is issuing two new publications: a newspaper, Roll-Call, and a magazine, Revelation.

Roll-Call is editorially described as "An 8 to 12 page newspaper, published every Saturday, to give the Man in the Street a simplified picture of the achievements and eccentricities of the Congress of the United States, helping him to appreciate its problems and temptations, and enlightening him in terms that he can grasp, precisely where the legislative branch of his government may be carrying him."

For various tactical reasons, Pelley's name is mentioned nowhere in this paper, which lists two rather indefinite addresses: Fellowship

Press, Inc., P. O. Box 1477, Indianapolis, Indiana; and Box 1916, Washington, D. C. Pelley is not too eager to disclose his actual whereabouts. It happens the North Carolina police are still looking for him.

#### "American" Nazism

The paper, a typical Pelley product, is strongly anti-Semitic. Its pages are cluttered with slogans like "Keep America Christian," and with headlines like "Will Ben Cohen Be Made USA's Electric Power Czar? ... Communism is Soviet Government Plus Electrification of Whole Country, Said Lenin; Nudeal Plan is Suspicious."

Violent anti-labor and anti-New Deal articles demand that labor be deprived of the right to strike and that the Government build concentration camps in which to confine all "radicals." A statement by Representative Robert F. Rich of Pennsylvania is quoted with hearty approval: "The first thing we know we will find ourselves in the position of France. Let's put the Reds in concentration camps." Pelley comments:

"That is an idea -- they might start by segregating the 2500 Communists holding positions in the Federal government who have been given their jobs by the New Deal."

Anti-union legislation proposed by Representative Clare E. Hoffman, extreme reactionary from Michigan, comes in for high praise. Pelley agrees with him and other anti-democratic congressmen that the only way to preserve "Americanism" is by adopting Nazi methods in the United States.

#### Pelley's Revelations

Revelation, "A Weekly Journal of What's to Come," has a format identical to Pelley's old Liberation. The contents are only slightly different. A mystical patter thinly cloaks the fascist sentiments of the Silver Shirt chief. He says,

"The thing that the publishers of Revelation are trying to do is to issue a weekly magazine of 12 to 16 pages that shall present to people with a flair for the prophetic and clairvoyant, a sort of digest or analysis of what is being received by persons with transcendent psychical gifts throughout the whole forty-eight States, as well as presenting in a literary way what the clairvoyants of past prestige have left behind them in the way of counsel or warning for those called to live through the present terrific sequence."

An example of the prophetic visions to be included in Revelation is an article, "What We Fight For," appearing in the first issue of the magazine. In describing the outcome of the war, Pelley envisages that "the world will witness a Europe 'without gold, without Jews, and without economic barriers.'"